

**Throwing open of all the roads of the State to
all classes and communities.**

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

22. (a) Reports are published in some of the Anglo-Ver-nacular newspapers of a conversation between the Diwan of Cochin and a gentleman of the Congress party to the effect that the Diwan said that the objection to throw open all roads of the State for the use of the non-caste Hindus is mainly from some of the Princesses in the Cochin Royal Family.

(b) Will the Government be pleased to let the Council know if the above statement is true?

(c) Will the Government be further pleased to inform whether the opinion of the Princesses has any part in the shaping of the general public policy of the State Government?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) May have been published. The Government did not verify.

(b) The statement as it stands is not true.

(c) The Government decline to answer.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

"The statement as it stands is not true." It means there is some truth in it. May I know what it is?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

"The statement as it stands is not true." The statement referred only to the roads in Trippunittura Fort and not to all the roads in the State.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

May I know the reason?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

When the Government decline to answer, no member has any right to ask the reason.

President.—Does not the matter end there, Mr. M. K. Raman?

Mr. M. K. RAMAN.

On what reason I want to understand.

President.—The Government will have its own reasons.